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mentioned, an alternate funding source would have to be found. If an alternate funding source was found, is it possible that that source, in order to be agreed on, might not produce as much as that quarter percent sales tax increase would produce.

SENATOR RAIKES: I haven't even considered that possibility, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let's consider it right quick,...

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because you don't have to give a final answer, but just for the sake of our discussion, if the alternative or alternate funding source produced less revenue than the quarter percent sales tax, it's clear that with lesser revenue we could not pay for as much as we could with more revenue, would you agree with that?

SENATOR RAIKES: I think I speak for both myself and the committee that our intent was to make the program fit the revenue source proposed. So that if there is less revenue or no revenue, you scale the programs accordingly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if that would happen, maybe some of my amendments, which have been so blithely rejected here, may have to be taken into consideration, such as lopping off Section 1, where we give that money to beginning teachers. That could possibly be jettisoned to fit within a lesser amount of revenue, is that true?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: I think...I think certainly from a revenue standpoint, Senator, that's true. If you look at sort of the inner workings of the program and the ability to try to take care of different situations, as far as school systems, I don't think that's...that's really possible, but I don't...we have to consider it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, then we don't need Section...well, why do